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INTERIOR ISSUES MONTHLY FISH LANDING BULLETINS FOR MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

Two new monthly bulletins showing the landings of fish and shellfish in Maryland and Virginia ports will henceforth be issued by the Department of the Interior in cooperation with the fishery agencies of the two States. The first two of these new reports have just been issued and cover the landings in each of these States during January.

The reports are published by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service. Virginia data are obtained in cooperation with the Virginia Commissioner of Fisheries and the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory. The Maryland information is obtained through the Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries and the Department of Research and Education.

The addition of these two bulletins brings to 19 the number of monthly landings bulletins issued by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in cooperation with the respective States. All of these are for coastal States except for the Ohio bulletin which covers the landings of that State from Lake Erie.

There is no monthly bulletin issued for Alaska but the weekly salmon pack and the monthly reports on herring and halibut provide data on most of the State's catch. In a like manner, the menhaden catch data available for Delaware cover more than 97 percent of the fishery landings of that State.

The States for which monthly landings publications have been available are Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, California, Oregon, Washington and Ohio.

Over half of the Atlantic Ocean-Gulf of Mexico harvest of blue crabs and nearly 70 percent of the eastern oysters are landed in the Chesapeake Bay States.

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